REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in the application. Examination and consideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated that this application includes two patentably distinct inventions, and that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-19 and 24-36, drawn to a folder for a printing press, classified in class 271, subclass 303.
- II. Claims 20-23, drawn to a method of changing a cutting length, classified in class 83.

In response, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims in Group I, Claims 1-19 and 24-36, with traverse. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement. Applicants respectfully contend that there will not be a serious burden placed on the Examiner if the restriction is not required.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims of the non-elected Group II of the application in one or more divisional patent applications if the restriction requirement is upheld.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the restriction requirement and examination of the elected Group I, Claims 1-19 and 24-36, on the merits are respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available during normal business hours if a telephone conversation would be helpful to advance prosecution in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Billie Jean Smith Reg. No. 36,940

Docket No. 077077-9146-00 Michael Best & Friedrich LLP 100 East Wisconsin Avenue Suite 3300 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-4108 414.271.6560